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SUBJECT: PRG ATTENDANCE AT WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE (WPC)

1. AMBASSADOR HAD OCCASION OVER LUNCH TODAY TO TALK WITH CARRILLO FLORES ABOUT PRG REPRESENTATION QUESTION. CARRILLO-FLORES SAID THAT HE WAS CONVINCED THAT US, USSR, ROMANIA AND UN ALL INTERESTED IN SUCCESSFUL CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD NOT BE SIDE-TRACKED BY ISSUES WHICH WERE NOT ESSENTIALLY RELEVANT TO POPULATION QUESTIONS. HE WAS UNCERTAIN HOWEVER ABOUT CHINESE ATTITUDE. HIS OWN FRANK JUDGMENT WAS THAT NO SOCIALIST COUNTRY WAS PREPARED TO BE PERCEIVED AS BEING LESS ASSIDUOUS IN PROMOTING THE PRG'S CASE THAN ANY OTHER.

2. HE HIMSELF WAS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPROACH WHICH HE FELT HAD AMPLE PRECEDENTS IN UN PRACTICE. THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE COULD ADMIT A PRG REPRESENTATIVE TO SPEAK BEFORE THE CONFERENCE ON HIS OWN AUTHORITY. HE COULD OF
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COURSE BE OVERRULED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE

CONFERENCE. CARRILLO-FLORES FELT THAT THIS SORT OF APPROACH MIGHT SERVE TO KEEP THE CONFERENCE ON TARGET AT THE SAME TIME NOT MAKING IT APPEAR THAT ANY OF THE MAJOR PROTAGONISTS WAS GIVING UP ANY OF ITS LONG-HELD POSITIONS. CARRILLO-FLORES ASKED FOR US VIEWS WHICH AMBASSADOR PROMISED TO OBTAIN.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION WITH VIRGIL CONSTANTIN-ESCU WHO IS SERVING AS FOREIGN MINISTRY COORDINATOR IN PREPARATION FOR THE CONFERENCE, CONSTANTINESCU ASKNOWLEDGED THE TICKLISH NATURE OF THE PRG QUESTION, SAID THAT ROMANIA HAD A "DUTY" TO PLEAD THE PRG CASE AS LONG AS THE PRG WANTED IT PLED BUT IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION SAID THAT ROMANIANS WOULD NOT "OVER-DO" THE MATTER.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ON RESPONSE TO BE MADE TO CARRILLO-FLORES AND/OR POSITION TO BE TAKEN IN CONFERENCE SHOULD CARRILLO-FLORES' PROPOSALS BE CARRIED FORWARD. WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE SO THAT CLAXTON CAN TALK TO CARRILLO-FLORES TOMORROW WHICH CARRILLO-FLORES HAS REQUESTED.

5. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S AND/OR USUN'S COMMENTS ON CARRILLO-FLORES STATEMENT THAT SUCH ACTIONS BY PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE HAS PRECEDENTS, IF PRECEDENTS EXIST, AND IF REBUTTALS ARE TO BE MADE PLEASE ADVISE LINE OF ARGUMENT.

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